

22 May 1945

TO: CO, SCI, 6th Army Group
FROM: Lt. Moore, SCI, 6th Army Group
SUBJECT: Financial Operations of RSHA Amt VI.

1. On 18 May 1945 Mr. Spitz, accompanied by Lt. Moore and Mr. Vogel went to Prien to obtain information about the possible whereabouts of SCHWEND alias WENDIG of RSHA Amt VI (see report on Sale of Foreign Currency by the RSHA dated 17 May 1945, and Interrogation of George SPITZ dated 16 May 1945).

2. At the house of Mrs. GROEBEL in Prien, whose husband, now deceased, was a close friend of SCHWEND's, were found numerous trunks and crates belonging to SCHWEND. No further information about SCHWEND's whereabouts could, however, be obtained.

3. Mr. SPITZ accordingly was left at his home at BEUERBERG near ROSENHEIM to gather information on WENDIG's whereabouts. His cover story will be that he was used by the Americans as an interpreter since he is fluent in English, having spent 17 years in the United States. Mr. SPITZ is considered as fairly secure since he knows he is faced with possible arrest due to his connections with RSHA Amt VI.

4. FRIEDMANN was re-interrogated on 21 May 1945 regarding SPITZ's financial operations with the Amt VI. FRIEDMANN stated that:

- a. SPITZ was the "banker" for the organization namely for SCHWEND alias WENDIG and therefore knew that the pounds he sold for WENDIG were false.
- b. SPITZ knows where the remaining false currency and valuables purchased therewith are hidden.
- c. This hideout is believed to be in BAVARIA.
- d. Other people who also know of these transactions and of the hideout of the currency and valuables are:

- 1) Bertha von EHRENSTEIN, secretary to Josef DAUSER, Head of Amt VI Munich.
- 2) DAUSER, himself.
- 3) Judge SCHEUERMANN, Head of the Devisenwachungsstelle (Currency Control) for Bavaria, now believed to be in Landshut, Telephone 2397. FRIEDMANN is convinced that upon his confrontation with SCHEUERMANN, the latter will reveal the hideout of the currency and valuables.

5. To FRIEDMANN's knowledge the total value of transactions from false pounds to valuables come to approximately 36,000,000 gold marks.

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6. On 21 May 1945, Mr. Vogel visited Mr. SPITZ at BEUERBERG. Mr. SPITZ claimed to have been contacted on 20 May 1945 by DAUSER and to have talked him into turning himself over to the United States authorities inasmuch as DAUSER's brother and father had already been arrested.

7. In view of FRIEDMANN's statements on SPITZ contained in Para. 4 above, it is considered possible that SPITZ knows the location of the RSHA funds and that subsequent to his release he contacted DAUSER to agree on a common story which would check with SPITZ's earlier statements to SCI without divulging the disposition of RSHA funds.

8. Accordingly, Bertha von EHRENSTEIN was arrested on 22 May 1945 so that her version of this case could be obtained before she could be contacted by either SPITZ or DAUSER.

9. It is planned to arrest SCHEUERMANN in the near future for the same purpose.

10. The operations mentioned in Paras. 8 and 9 are expected to furnish SCI with details on:

- a. The disposition of RSHA Amt VI funds.
- b. The whereabouts of SCHWEND alias WENDIG.
- c. SPITZ's actual part in the financial operations of RSHA Amt VI.